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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S STATEMENT AT
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON EXPANSION OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS,
AFTERNOON APRIL 6: QUOTE

MR. PRESIDENT, I JOIN WITH THE OTHERS IN OFFERING YOU MY CON-
GRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. YOU ARE ASSURED
OF THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION. AND
MAY I ADD THAT I IMMEDIATELY CONGRATULATE YOU FOR BRINGING
IN AS THE FIRST RESOLUTION UNDER YOUR REGIME ONE THAT IS
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UNANIMOUS AND THEREFORE UNIQUE. I ALSO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION

TO AMBASSADOR BOYA OF BENIN, OUR PRESIDENT DURING THE COUNCIL'S HYPERACTIVE MONTH OF MARCH.

THIS IS THE FIRST SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SINCE 1973 CONVENED SPECIFICALLY ON THE QUESTION OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS. I WELCOME THIS MEETING BECAUSE IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THOSE SANCTIONS. IT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY AS WELL TO REAFFIRM OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE ILLEGAL SMITH REGIME IN RHODESIA AND TO EXPRESS THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE URGENT TRANSFER OF POWER IN RHODESIA TO THE MAJORITY OF RHODESIA'S CITIZENS.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE UNITED STATES WAS PLEASED TO JOIN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IN CO-SPONSORING AND ADOPTING UNANIMOUSLY THE RESOLUTION THAT IS BEFORE US. WE SUPPORT FULLY THE EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA TO INCLUDE INSUREANCE, TRADE NAMES, AND FRANCHISES.

THE UNITED STATES HAS SCRUPULOUSLY ENFORCED SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, EXCEPT WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN MINERALS UNDER THE SO-CALLED BYRD AMENDMENT. THE UNITED STATES REPORTS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IN DETAIL EVERY SHIPLOAD OF THESE MINERALS IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THIS DOMESTIC LEGISLATION. FROM ITS VERY FIRST DAYS IN OFFICE, THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT FORD HAS SUPPORTED THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. THIS CONTINUES TO BE UNITED STATES POLICY. WE WISH ONCE AGAIN TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS. WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT NOT ONLY FOR THE INTENDED EFFECT IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA BUT ALSO IN THE INTEREST OF UPHOLDING OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. IN THE SAME SPIRIT, MY DELEGATION URGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE NATIONS WHOSE MAJOR VIOLATIONS ARE LESS WELL PUBLICIZED TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO TIGHTEN THEIR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 253 (1968).

THE UNITED STATES REMAINS FIRM BOTH IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE CONDEMNED THE ILLEGAL SMITH REGIME
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AND IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THIS MATTER WAS STATED MOST RECENTLY BY PRESIDENT FORD IN CHICAGO WHEN HE SAID: "THE UNITED STATES IS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO SEEING TO IT THAT THE MAJORITY BECOMES THE RULING POWER IN RHODESIA." AND THEN THE PRESIDENT ADDED THIS, "IF WE BELIEVE IN THE RIGHT OF THE MAJORITY TO RULE IN THAT SITUATION, THERE HAS TO BE CHANGE IN THE

POWER AS FAR AS THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED."

MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION BY
THE SECURITY COUNCIL MUST CONSTITUTE A SIGNAL TO THE
SMITHREGIME THAT IT CANNOT EXPECT SUPPORT FROM ANYONE IN THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN PURSUING A POLICY WHICH IS MORALLY AND
POLITICALLY WRONG.

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